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DEVICE IN CIRCULATION TYPE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this new U.S. patent application, claiming priority of Japan Pat. App. No. 2003-45148, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendments and Remarks to be entered into the patent application identified above and earnestly request that the Examiner pass this application to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.